IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

ERIC SUDDS, #01202661,	§	
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Petitioner,	§	
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V.	§	Case No. 6:20-cv-548-JDK-KNM
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DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID,	§	
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Respondent.	§	

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Petitioner Eric Sudds, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmate proceeding pro se and *in forma pauperis*, filed this federal petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition was referred to United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell, for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for disposition.

On March 4, 2021, Judge Mitchell issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court deny the petition and dismiss this case with prejudice. Judge Mitchell also recommended that a certificate of appealability be denied. Docket No. 10. A copy of this Report was mailed to Petitioner. To date, no objections to the Report have been filed.

This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law.

Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc),

superseded on other grounds by statute, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to

file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Petitioner did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore

reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and

reviews the legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. See

United States v. Wilson, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 492 U.S.

918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the

standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case,

the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to

law. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the

United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 10) as the findings of this Court. This

petition for habeas corpus is hereby **DENIED** and this action is **DISMISSED WITH**

PREJUDICE. The Court **DENIES** a certificate of appealability.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 6th day of April, 2021.

JEREMY D. KERNODLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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